

## Message Text

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EXDIS - DIST AS NODIS

CAIRO FOR EILTS  
AMMAN FOR ATHERTON  
FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PEPR, EG, IS, US  
SUBJECT: CURIOUS DISCREPANCIES IN VERSIONS OF PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S  
"UNDELIVERED MESSAGE" TO PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 9325, (B) CAIRO 17589

1. WHEN I REREAD HERMANN EILTS' ACCOUNT OF HIS MEETING  
WITH SADAT YESTERDAY, JULY 24, I WAS STRUCK BY A DISCREPANCY  
IN THE WAY SADAT DESCRIBED THE MESSAGE RECEIVED  
FROM BEGIN THROUGH ISRAELI MILITARY CHANNELS AND THE  
ACTUAL TEXT OF THE MESSAGE GIVEN TO ME FOR TRANSMISSION  
THE FOLLOWING DAY (REF A). IN PARAGRAPH TEN OF REF B,  
HERMANN QUOTES SADAT AS SAYING THAT THE MESSAGE MENTIONED  
THE SFM SITE AS A POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED  
MEETING; IT ALSO SAYS "BEGIN HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE AND  
SADAT MEET AT SOME PLACE THEY MIGHT BOTH DECIDE UPON."  
I WENT BACK AND REREAD CAREFULLY THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE

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SENT TO ME FOR TRANSMISSION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICE, AND IT DID NOT CONTAIN EITHER OF THESE TWO  
POINTS. THIS AFTERNOON IN A PRIVATE TALK WITH EZER  
WEIZMAN, HE SHOWED ME HIS COPY OF THE MESSAGE HE HAD  
ORIGINALLY SENT FOR BEGIN THROUGH HIS MILITARY TEAM  
WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY SADAT. THAT TEXT WAS IDENTICAL  
TO MINE, SO THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY POSSIBILITY

OF THE MESSAGE BEING EDITED HERE AFTER IT WAS INITIALLY REJECTED.

2. I HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS CURIOUS DISCREPANCY,  
AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHETHER HERMANN MIGHT HAZARD  
A GUESS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED. PERHAPS IT MERELY REPRESENTS  
SOME FUZZINESS ON SADAT'S PART, CONFUSING WHAT WAS  
ACTUALLY IN BEGIN'S MESSAGE WITH WHAT HE HAD HEARD FROM  
EITHER WEIZMAN AT SALZBURG ABOUT A BEGIN/SADAT MEETING OR  
FROM KAMEL AFTER THE LEEDS MEETINGS ABOUT A POSSIBLE SFM  
MEETING PLACE. IT MIGHT, ON THE OTHER HAND, BE A SUBTLE  
EFFORT BY SADAT TO PUT BEGIN IN AN EVEN LESS ATTRACTIVE  
LIGHT WITH US BY DEPICTING HIM AS ASKING AGAIN FOR A  
PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS. PERHAPS THIS  
IS NOT AN IMPORTANT POINT, BUT IT IS A CURIOUS ONE.  
LEWIS

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